

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 26, 2006

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 116**

**Introduced by Senators Cedillo and Alquist**  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Bass)

April 27, 2006

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 116—Relative to foster care.

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SCR 116, as amended, Cedillo. Foster care.

This measure would proclaim May as Foster Care Month and May 2, 2006, as a special day of recognition to honor the teams that work to “change a lifetime” for children and youth in foster care.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, It is our vision that every child in California will  
2 live in a safe, stable, permanent home, nurtured by healthy  
3 adults, families, and strong communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Every year in California there are more than  
5 80,000 children and youth in foster care ~~because their families~~  
6 ~~are in crisis~~; and

7 WHEREAS, All children in foster care have a continuing and  
8 urgent need for safety, stability, and permanency, including  
9 lifelong relationships with adults who will care for and support  
10 them throughout their lives; and

11 WHEREAS, It is California's goal for every child who enters  
12 into foster care to be supported and nurtured by the individuals,  
13 organizations, and systems that touch the life of that child; and

14 WHEREAS, In California, foster youth, foster parents,  
15 relatives, child welfare professionals, and advocates are working

1 together in new ways, including, public and private partnership  
2 teams that are helping to change the lifetime of foster youth  
3 throughout the state; and

4 WHEREAS, There is still more work to be done on behalf of  
5 thousands of foster youth throughout the state; and

6 ~~WHEREAS, It is our collective responsibility to care for all of~~  
7 ~~our children in California; and~~

8 WHEREAS, The declaration by the ~~State~~ Legislature of May  
9 as Foster Care Month provides an opportunity to raise  
10 community awareness about the needs of foster youth, spotlights  
11 the critical importance of foster care programs and services in  
12 our state, and offers appreciation to more than 13,000 families  
13 who open their homes to foster children in our state and the  
14 public and private partners who commit themselves daily in  
15 support of our children; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
18 month of May as Foster Care Month and May 2, 2006, as a  
19 special day of recognition to honor the teams that work to  
20 “change a lifetime” for children and youth in foster care in  
21 California; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges all Californians to  
23 volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children and  
24 youth in foster care and to support the efforts of foster parents,  
25 private community organizations, and public child welfare  
26 agencies who care for them during this month and throughout the  
27 year; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
29 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.